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Docket No. 41170/171

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Invention:

Lumbar with Flexwires in Cross

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In response to the NOTICE TO CORRECT APPLICATION mailed on June 1, 2004 attached please find:

3 sheets of proposed drawing replacements for this application.

Each sheet of drawing indicates the identifying indicia suggested in 37 CFR Section 1.84(c) centered within the top margin of the drawing.

A copy of the NOTICE TO CORRECT APPLICATION.

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 1-3.

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Submission of Proposed Replacement Drawings

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of June 1, 2004, Applicant submits the following proposed replacement drawings.

Figure 1 has been amended (shown in red) to change reference numeral "32" to reference numeral -- 52 --. Support for this change is provided in the specification on page 5, line 16.

The proposed drawing corrections have been circled in red.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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